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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRESIDENT
CEAUSESCU - EXPORT CONTROLS

1. DURING A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER APRIL 13, PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU EXPRESSED INTEREST IN A MORE LIBERAL U.S. APPROACH TO ISSUING EXPORT LICENSES FOR ROMANIA, AND HE EXPRESSED CONCERN AT THE AMOUNT OF TIME REQUIRED TO PROCESS EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATIONS. PRESIDENT CARTER SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND RESPOND TO CEAUSESCU IN WRITING.

2. THE TEXT OF THE PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE FOLLOWS. AMBASSADOR IS REQUESTED TO ARRANGE APPROPRIATE DELIVERY. THE SIGNED ORIGINAL HAS BEEN POUCHED TO EMBASSY FOR DELIVERY WHEN RECEIVED.

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3. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: DURING OUR RECENT MEETINGS YOU RAISED THE SUBJECT OF U.S. EXPORT CONTROL POLICY TOWARD YOUR COUNTRY.

I HAVE LOOKED INTO THIS AND CAN ASSURE YOU THAT, CONSISTENT WITH OUR LAWS AND INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS, ROMANIA HAS

RECEIVED THE MOST FAVORABLE TREATMENT POSSIBLE. WE INTEND

TO CONTINUE THAT POLICY AND HOPE THAT THE LEVEL OF TRADE
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, ALREADY HIGH, WILL CONTINUE TO
GROW.

I KNOW YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE TIME IT SOMETIMES TAKES
TO PROCESS EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATIONS. I AM ASKING THE
AGENCIES INVOLVED TO MAKE SPECIAL EFFORTS TO SPEED UP THE
PROCESS FOR ALL COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ROMANIA.

I AM GLAD THAT WE HAVE ESTABLISHED EFFECTIVE DISCUSSIONS
ON THIS AND OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES. AS WE LOOK TOWARD
EXPANDED TRADE AND COOPERATION BETWEEN ROMANIA AND THE U.S.,
I HOPE THAT THIS EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WILL CONTINUE.

YOUR VISIT WAS A SPECIAL PLEASURE FOR ME AND FOR MY COUN-
TRY. I FEEL THAT IT ESTABLISHED A SOLID FRAMEWORK FOR
THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF OUR RELATIONS AND I LOOK FOR-
WARD TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF THAT GOAL. SINCERELY, JIMMY
CARTER. END TEXT. VANCE

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